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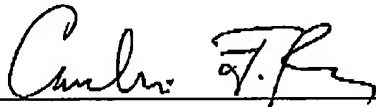
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based upon United States Patent No. 6,366,809 issued to Olson, United States Patent No. 6,078,871 issued to Anderson, United States Patent No. 5,929,601 issued to Kalb, United States Patent No. 6,597,948 issued to Rockwell et al., and United States Patent No. 6,748,273 issued to Obel et al. Neither Obel or Rockwell are prior art to the present invention. The inventors are not at Medtronic. Applicants' attorney is attempting to locate the inventors in order to obtain their signatures under 35 C.F.R. § 1.131. In the meantime, the invention disclosure form is attached hereto. An affidavit will be submitted under a Supplemental Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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